

BOROUGH OF RINGWOOD

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December 8, 2009

Ms. Eileen Swan, Executive Director
New Jersey Highlands Council
100 North Road (Route 513)
Chester, New Jersey 07930

Re: Ringwood Borough Petition for Municipal Plan Conformance

Dear Ms. Swan:

The Borough of Ringwood, Passaic County, is submitting the enclosed petition to meet the December 8th, 2009 deadline for Municipal Plan Conformance as required by the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act and the Highlands Regional Master Plan for municipalities with lands in the Preservation Area. Ringwood Borough is one of five municipalities in the Highlands Region which is located entirely in the Preservation Area. Ringwood continues to work diligently to ensure the long-term economic viability of the Borough through careful consideration of the impacts of the Highlands Act and Regional Master Plan policies and objectives. The Borough has completed the seven modules, to the best of its abilities, required to achieve Plan Conformance and will continue a dialog with the Highlands Council on future opportunities for economic stability. The enclosed petition includes:

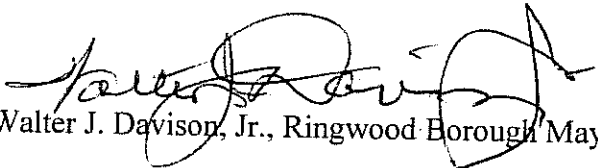
1. Submittal Checklist
2. Preservation Area Resolution
3. Record of Public Involvement
4. 2009 Plan conformance grant program documents Modules 3 through 6
5. List of Current municipal planning and regulatory documents
6. Municipal self assessment report and Highlands Implementation Plan and Schedule
7. Additional supporting material including the Borough's MP3 Reports on Redevelopment and Ecotourism

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The Borough may have an interest in redevelopment opportunities and land value stability to combat short-term and long-term impacts of the Highlands Regional Plan. To this end, the enclosed petition includes not only the required documentation for the Petition, but also additional information from pilot studies on redevelopment site investigation and sustainable economic development opportunities.

The Borough seeks an ongoing dialog with the Highlands Council as we work towards full Plan Conformance in a process that is amenable and advantageous to both Ringwood and the Highlands Council. We look forward to working with the Highlands Council through the next stage in the conformance process. Should you require any additional information or have any questions or comments, the Borough has designated the Borough Clerk and Administrator, Kelley A. Rohde, as the municipal point of contact as required in the Preservation Area Resolution approved by Borough Council on November 12, 2009.

Respectfully,



Walter J. Davison, Jr., Ringwood Borough Mayor

Cc: Kelley A. Rohde, Borough Administrator and Clerk
Helen Forsa, Planning Board Secretary